

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed March 10, 2005. Claims 1-32 are pending, and Claims 11 and 21-30 have been amended. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's consideration of the Application. In order to advance prosecution of this Application, Applicants have responded to each notation by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Telephone Interview

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy and opportunity to conduct the telephone interview on June 3, 2005. In the telephone interview, Applicants proposed replacing "logic" with "software" in Claims 21-30 to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 101 and 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The Examiner indicated that such an amendment may overcome these rejections.

Amendments

The Specification and Claims 11 and 21-30 have been amended. Certain amendments clarify, more particularly point out, and more distinctly claim inventive concepts previously present in the claims. Certain amendments do not narrow the scope of the claims, and certain amendments are not required for patentability. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added by the amendments to the specification or by the amendments to the claims.

Specification Objection

The Specification is amended in accordance with the requirement of the Examiner to correct informalities. Applicants thank the Examiner for pointing out the informalities. Applicants respectfully request removal of the objection to the Specification.

Section 112 Rejection

Claims 21-30, as amended, particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the Applicants regard as the invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 21-30 are allowable under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Section 101 Rejection

Claims 21-30, as amended, are directed to statutory subject. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 21-30 are allowable under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Allowed Claims

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1-20 and 31-32.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all the pending claims.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this case in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact Keiko Ichiye, the Attorney for Applicants, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 953-6494.

Although Applicants believe no fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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